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Bridge over Cherupuzhathodu in North Malabar.

* 229 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposal to construct a bridge for Cherupuzhathodu near Patichal, Payyannoor, North Malabar, and if so, what steps the Government have taken in this matter?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The work of constructing a bridge on the Cherupuzhathodu is under execution. The bridge will be completed by 31st December 1952."

The Mid Pennar Project.

* 230 Q.—Sri S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether investigation of Mid Pennar Project is over in Anantapur district;

(b) if so, whether orders have been issued for preparation of the detailed plans and estimates; and

(c) when this project will be commenced?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Plans and estimates have been prepared and are under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation).

" (c) This will depend on the finances available for new schemes."

Reservation of seat for Scheduled Castes in Udamalpet Municipality.

* 231 Q.—Sri A. M. RATNASWAMY :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the municipal election to the Udamalpet Municipality (Coimbatore) held recently no seat was reserved to the Scheduled Castes; and

(b) if so, why?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Udamalpet Municipal Council while submitting proposals for the revision of wards and re-allocation of seats in the council proposed among other things the reservation of two seats for women only and did not propose reservation of any seat for the Scheduled Castes. On the basis of population and voting strength the Scheduled Castes are entitled to only one seat in the Council. As they had absolute majority in voting strength in Ward XI and as it was considered that they could secure the non-reserved seat in this ward